

Schull newsletter

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Church Services.

- * Sunday 11th Carol Service ~ 4 pm St Mary's Schull. All are very welcome and we invite you to bring a gift of non-perishable food items for the St Vincent de Paul collection. There will be tea and mince pies in the Parish Hall afterwards.
- * Sunday 18th ~ Festival Service of Nine Lessons & Carols 4pm Holy Trinity Church Schull. All welcome. Guests St Fachtna's Silver Band from Skibbereen.
- * Sunday 18th ~ Carol Service - 5.30 pm St Brigid's Ballydehob
- * Saturday 24th ~ Mass - 7 pm St Mary's, 8 pm St Brigid's, 9 pm Lowertown
- * Saturday 24th ~ 11.30 pm First Eucharist of Christmas. Altar Church.
- * Sunday 25th ~ Mass - 9.30 am St Brigid's
- * Sunday 25th ~ Christmas Eucharist 10.00 am Holy Trinity Church
- * Sunday 25th ~ Mass - 10.30 am St Mary's
- * Sunday 25th Christmas Eucharist - 11.30 am Altar Church
- * Sunday 25th ~ Mass - 12 noon St Patrick's Goleen
- * Thursday 29th 8.00 pm Carol Service by Candlelight in Crookhaven Church

"Rejoice and be Merry" join a Christmas celebration with the West Cork Choral Singers, Sunday 11th December at 8 pm Abbeystrewry Church Skibbereen under Musical Director Diana Llewellyn, Accompanist, Annabel Adams and Violin, Carol Daly. Wine and mince pies will be served in the interval. Admission Free.

Highways & Byways

Thank you to Denis O'Leary for installing the **Christmas lights** so efficiently and with such little disturbance to the traffic!

Over the year work has gone on in the background, work that is always tackled with good humour, done well and safely, that we only notice when it is done and dusted. To Jack, Pierce, Tomas, Aldo and Bernard, who are always there when we need them!

THANK YOU.



We wish you all a very festive and joyful Christmas and that the New Year will bring wealth, health and happiness for you and yours.

Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh go léir agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibhse.

Please pass on our best wishes to those friends and families that will be celebrating somewhere other than in Schull.

Christmas in Schull...

There is a lot happening in the village this Christmas season. Do try and support every event you can, your participation is what makes this village one we can all be proud of!

- * There will be a collection of non-perishable food items (BBE March 2017) for **St Vincent de Paul**. Collection point in Brosnan's Centra, until 22nd December.
- * **Present Company** is having a 'happy customer draw', for every €10 you spend your name is entered into the draw which will take place on the 21st December. A super hamper to win!
- * Sunday 11th December is **Bambinelli Sunday** and the Pope invites families to bring their crib figure of Jesus to Mass to be blessed before taking it home and wrapping it safely so it is the first gift opened and placed in the crib at home.
- * The **Young Social Innovators** (Transition Year programme) project, *Village Revival*, are organising carol singing for everyone! An aim of their project is to strengthen community relations so they are hoping people of all ages, shapes and sizes will join them ~ Friday 9th December, 5 pm.
- * Christmas officially kicks off with the **Community Christmas Fair** taking place on Saturday 10th December from noon. Free Entry. 20+ Stalls, face painting, raffle (sponsored by S&DCC), seasonal demonstrations ~ food by Stephen Storey & cocktails by Darragh O'Farrell ~ music & Irish dancing. Santa arrives at 3.30 pm with gifts for the children
- * Later that day (10th) the Scoil Mhuire N.S. Parents' Association will be welcoming Santa (again!) and turning on the "**Christmas Wish Tree**". There will be hot chocolate for the children. This year's Wish Cards are for sale in numerous shops in the village, at the Fair (above) and at the Market, they are €5.
- * And across the street (on the same night ~10th) a '**Brew for Brú**' ~ festive drinks and sweet treats will be served in the Brú Columbanus Charity Shop.
- * **Schull Senior Citizen's Christmas Party** will be on Sunday 11th December. Nuala and Ellen look forward to welcoming you to the Schull Harbour Hotel at 1.30 pm for some festive fun. (086 315 9719 or 085 107 8910).

and more.....

- * **Schull Country Market** returns for their Christmas outing, all your favourite stallholders will be there as well as the customary visit from Santa. Mulled wine and mince pies will add to the atmosphere.
- * The annual **Schull Community College Concert** is taking place on Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd, they are performing "The Circle of Life". Performances start at 7.15 pm sharp.
- * For all those last minute things there will be a "**Late Night Opening**" ~ participating shops will be open late on 22nd December and serve something special to help you make those final decisions.
- * On 22nd December drop into the Corner House (Newman's) for an evening of song and Christmas festivity with **Robin Wells & guests**, from 8.30 pm.
- * The **Christmas Day Swim** will of course, take place as usual. Sponsorship cards can be picked up at the Post Office.
- * The **SCIRS New Year's Ball** will be in the Schull Harbour Hotel, dinner followed by band Arkadia. Tickets €60 available from Harbour Bay Flowers – over 18's only.

The **Schull Regatta Committee** would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. And to thank you for your continued support ~ **Schull Regatta 2017** will fall on August the 12th & 13th.

You will have noticed that the planting surrounding the **playground** has been beautifully mulched. It looks fabulous, thanks to those who helped with this project. Let's all do our best to keep this looking so great and litter free.

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